

VSP Public Comment

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Should California reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

My understanding about the proposal by the Diebold Company, which was not given until real pressure had been applied, will use very small type on the receipts. This is not acceptable. They must contract to use 12 point font size or larger. Legibility in recounting is essential.

Because each citizen's vote is critical, and theirs alone, each printed ballot needs to be only their vote: multiple votes on a roll is a violation of the very process the citizen participates in when voting.

The paper that should be used is critical as well: It must be permanent ink so that it will last through the many situations in which it will be handled.

And lastly, the format has to be friendly for those who will be recounting them. Any copy that presents further counting difficulties is not acceptable.

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Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.